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Pamela Smart Murder Accomplice Speaks Out

CONCORD — Five years after Gregory Smart's murder at the hands of his wife's teenage lover, one of the men involved in the killing has disclosed a chilling conversation while reiterating his claim that his role was exaggerated.

In an interview published Monday in the Concord Monitor, Raymond Fowler, 23, said he thought two friends had only burglarized Gregory and Pamela Smart's condominium in Derry on May 1, 1990, until the pair got back in the car with him. He said he was shaken when triggerman Billy Flynn, Pam Smart's teenage lover, started talking about what he had done.

Flynn said, "You wouldn't believe the power in killing a man," Fowler told Ray Barham, a fellow inmate at the

New Hampshire State Prison and a Monitor columnist.

"I said, 'What do you mean, killing a man?' He said, 'Feel the gun — it's hot.' I turned around and he had a gun in his hand."

Flynn held the spent cartridge and continued talking, Fowler said:

"Feel the bullet. It's still hot. This bullet just killed a man."

Flynn pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in exchange for his testimony against Pamela Smart in the murder of her husband. She is serving a life sentence with no chance of parole for being an accomplice to murder.

The two other men, Patrick Randall and Vince Lattime

Jr., are serving lengthy sentences as accomplices to murder.

Authorities claimed Fowler cleaned the gun after the murder, which the high school media coordinator planned because she feared losing everything in a divorce. In the interview, he denied it.

Fowler said he pleaded guilty and took a 15-to-30-year sentence rather than risk spending his life in prison.

"I'd rather take the top number," he said. "At least I know they can't hold me forever."

Fowler is a slight, fair-looking young man with a wispy blond mustache. He speaks quietly and without excessive emotion and he looks younger than his years. In a place filled with boisterous criminals, he seems unthreatening.